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SUBJECT: CIEC DIALOGUE

REF: STATE 9962, STATE 14278, STATE 15466

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET JANUARY 23 WITH JULIO GIL, PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, AND OTHER MEMBERS PG'S STAFF IN ORDER TO OBTAIN GOV REACTION TO U.S. VIEWS ON CIEC DIALOGUE. SUBSTANCE PARA 4, STATE 14278 HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO GIL JANUARY 21, WHO WISHED TO CONSULT WITH PG BEFORE GIVING GOV REACTION. DISCUSSION WAS BASED ON TALKING PAPER DRAWN FROM STATE 9962. END SUMMARY.

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2. GOV REPS AGREED THAT JANUARY 26 MEETING OF CHAIRMEN WILL "PREPARE FOR THE WORK OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS", BUT COMMENTED THAT THEY

INTERPRET "PREPARE" BROADLY AS INCLUDING AN EXCHANGE "OPINIONS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS"; THE LDC PARTICIPANTS WOULD VOICE THEIR VIEWS WHETHER OR NOT THE DC SIDE WISHED TO DO SO. THEY AGREED FULLY THAT THE MEETING SHOULD FOCUS ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS LISTED IN PARA 3 STATE 9962.

3. AS ANTICIPATED, THE GOV REPS HELD STAUNCHLY TO PEREZ GUERRERO'S PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEWS ON THE DURATION AND FREQUENCY OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. THEY ENVISIONED MEETINGS LASTING ABOUT THREE WEEKS WITH TWO WEEK INTERVALS FOR HOME CONSULTATIONS AT LEAST UNTIL MAY. THEY REJECTED THE U.S. PREFERENCE FOR 3-5 DAY SESSIONS EVERY 4-6 WEEKS AS ALLOWING INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR COMPLETING THE CIEC'S WORK WITHIN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.

4. THE GOV REPS AGREED THAT THE GUIDELINES ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE REOPENED AND THAT THE CO-CHAIRMAN GROUP SHOULD NOT DETERMINE AGENDAS AND WORK PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMISSIONS, BUT THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND OF HOLDING SESSIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY SO THAT NOTES COULD BE COMPARED ON MATTERS RELEVANT TO MORE THAN ONE COMMISSION.

5. GIL AND HIS COLLEAGUES NOTED THAT OUR VIEW THAT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE PRIMARILY ORGANIZATIONAL ASSUMED THAT THE MEETINGS WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION. THIS QUESTION DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TIMETABLE ISSUE, THEY SAID, SINCE A MEETING LASTING THREE WEEKS, WOULD SURELY PROGRESS BEYOND THE ORGANIZATIONAL STAGE.

6. GIL STRESSED THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN CONSIDERING BOTH THE TIMETABLE AND IN ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY IN WHICH AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IF A CONSENSUS WERE NOT REACHED ON ONE ITEM, IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND MOVE TO ANOTHER.

7. THE GOV DELEGATION LIST FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY APPROVED, BUT GIL SAID THAT DR. HERNAN ANZOLA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, WILL HEAD THE GOV DELEGATION TO THE ENERGY COMMISSION AND AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS MOANACK, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE, WOULD CHAIR THE DELEGATION TO THE RAW MATERIALS
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COMMISSION. GIL PROMISED A COMPLETE LIST EARLY NEXT WEEK AND ASKED THAT WE NOT REVEAL THE ABOVE DESIGNATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES UNTIL THE APPOINTMENTS BECOME OFFICIAL. GIL REQUESTED NAMES AND DETAILS OF THE FULL U.S. DELEGATIONS ASAP.

8. PEREZ GUERRERO AND GIL WENT TO LEAVE CARACAS JANUARY 24 IN ORDER TO CAUCUS WITH OTHER LDC DELEGATIONS IN PARIS ON JANUARY 25.
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